

U N A D O P T E D M I N U T E S

of the Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
May 26, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Stys at 6:02 p.m.

Governing Board of Trustees present: Sharon Stys, Sylvia Macias, Francisco "Javi" Santana, Jan Baird, Deborah Pacheco

Others present:

Gail Baxter, Superintendent

Cecilia Laidemitt, Associate Superintendent of
Administrative Services and Personnel Management

Martha Mestanza Rojas, Associate Superintendent of
Educational Services

Mark Keriakous, Associate Superintendent of Business Services

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Trustee Jan Baird.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

GRAVES MIDDLE SCHOOL

Title: "Graves Middle School's 1-1/Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
Program: 21st Century Learning for our Traditional AVID Students."

Dr. Matthew Fraijo accompanied by Graves Middle School students in the AVID program, prepared a presentation that highlighted some experiences they have had using the applications on their iPads during the course of the 2014-2015 school year. With the use of the iPads they are moving more towards a paperless approach in many classrooms.

Graves Middle School students demonstrated how useful and convenient an iPad is when working on assignments. The students demonstrated applications such as "Subtext", "i-Movie", and "QR code" - applications which allow students to interact on assignments and participate in threaded conversations to engage students outside of the classroom.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Teachers are also able to track student activity. In the "Subtext" application there is a tracking system which provides a timeline, displays students' profile pictures, tells what page or pages each student is on and various other additional notes for teacher viewing. The application also allows the information to be projected onto a larger screen from the iPad to show the class the project or work.

All Trustees were impressed with the demonstration. Trustee Macias commended the students on their presentation and commented on what a great experience this was for them .

Trustee Pacheco commented on how this is a great example of how to instill in our youth the desire to be a life-long learners and that learning does not just take place in the classroom.

Trustee Santana commended the students for sharing their new learning experiences. Trustee Santana was able to correlate the demonstration with his personal experience while attending Rio Hondo College a few years ago and taking online classes while having a very similar interaction and truly feels that this is a great learning experience that students are getting at this early age.

COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

Board Member Sharon Stys opened by inviting the Trustee's to share any comments.

Mrs. Macias expressed her appreciation to the Board for allowing her to attend the Delegate Assembly in Sacramento. Mrs. Macias commented on how informative the Delegate Assembly was and will also be attending the May Revise Workshop tomorrow. She is anxious to hear if the information they receive tomorrow is the same as what they heard at Delegate Assembly. Additionally, Mrs. Macias extended a commendation to Dr. Fraijo and his staff for all of the hard work that elevated them to achieve the recognition at the Gold Ribbon Award Ceremony which was exciting to attend and a highlight of the year. This is a great way to end the school year. Trustee Macias wished everyone a great summer.

Trustee Santana expressed his excitement and shared that he had a great time at the Employee Recognition Ceremony and stated that he was pleasantly surprised to see how many dedicated and loyal employees are working in the district and are hitting milestone years of service. Mrs. Baxter has been in the district 25 years and Mrs. Laidemitt has served the district for 50 years, along with many others who were recognized for many years of dedicated service.

Trustee Baird also attended the Employee Recognition ceremony and was impressed how nice it turned out and thought there was a good turnout and was very happy to be there. Trustee Baird was also impressed with the presentation by Dr. Fraijo and Graves Middle School students and excited to see the success of the 1/1 BYOD program that has been implemented at Graves Middle School. Trustee Baird was happy that she was able to attend the Gold Ribbon Award Ceremony and commended everyone for all of their hard work. Trustee Baird is looking forward to attending the May Revision Workshop.

Trustee Stys commented on attendance at the Employee Recognition Ceremony and how pleased she was to see that it was a great gathering, which incorporated fun activities that livened the celebration up, in comparison to other years.

Trustee Stys also had the opportunity to attend the Delegate Assembly in Sacramento, and she stated that it was interesting to see how changes are affecting different school districts. There was a "break-out session" with groups comprised of 40-50 delegates in each group, where they were asked to create what they considered a school of the future. She said it was very interesting to see all of the ideas that came from the delegates and also that thinking in new and different ways was very challenging for the group as a whole. She said that she hopes the educators have a clearer picture of what will be needed in the future for our students.

REPORTS

Mrs. Gail Baxter, Superintendent expressed what a wonderful presentation Graves Middle School students had provided and how students demonstrated great composure even when faced with technical difficulties during their presentation.

The Employee Recognition Ceremony was fun and better attended this year than in the past few years primarily because of this being a joint effort by SWTA, CSEA and the District, with a planning committee focused on encouraging attendance and making it fun. Attendance was estimated to be approximately around 130-140 which was considered a very good turnout. We are hoping that next year there will be more in attendance.

A commendation was extended to Food Services who did a great job in providing the food and beverages.

Mrs. Baxter also stated that this is a very busy time of the year for the district office staff. They are working very hard to meet deadlines associated with closing out the 2014-2015, school year while at the same time preparing for the opening of the 2015-2016, school year.

Education Services is working on updating and revising the LCAP which must tie directly to the 2015-2016, budget that Business Services is currently working on. Both of these items will be on the first board meeting in June.

Human Resources has been very busy with processing applications and scheduling interviews in order to fill the many open positions throughout the district.

May Revision workshops will be held tomorrow that will be attended by three (3) board members, Mrs. Baxter and Mr. Keriakous. District staff along with SWTA and CSEA representatives have already attended one of the May Revision workshops together put on by School Services of California. Tomorrow Capital Advisors will speak which will give us their perspective and we will be looking at our numbers. Generally speaking the information coming from the state has been positive, in fact the best that we have heard in several years. We hope that the information tomorrow is the same and will confirm what we already know.

Graves Middle School Promotion will be held tomorrow night. A parking pass has been issued to all Board of Trustees. The promotion will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. on the stage. Ceremony should take approximately 55 minutes.

Update on Aida: the updates on Aida's recovery have been provided by Mr. Gonzalez, Aida's husband. Aida had cardiac surgery which required the replacement of 2 valves, and repair of a third section of her heart. She was up and walking the day after her surgery, eating well, in a regular hospital room and no longer in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). She has experienced a lot of pain, which is involved with this kind of surgery and Aida has stated, "No one ever told me it would hurt so much, I never want to undergo another surgery!" Mrs. Macias commented that she had received a message from Aida that she may not be discharged today but possibly tomorrow. Aida is anxious to get home. Aida has expressed her heartfelt appreciation for everyone's concern and well wishes on her recovery.

CONSENT

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Pacheco and unanimously carried the consent portion of the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held May 12, 2015.

Purchase Order List No. 19

Approved Purchase Order List No. 19

CONTRACTS

Contract List No. 18

Approved Contract List No. 18 for services provided.

Contracts include:

14-15-114: DSA Inspection, service – Tom Dorow Consultant, duration 06/01/15-12/01/15, amount not to exceed \$40,800.00

14-15-115: removed

14-15-116: Ford Motor Co., service – Maintenance Equipment, duration 06/01/15-06/01/17, amount \$32,156.12 total/24 monthly payments of \$1,411.46

How it will be paid: the proposed fund will come from the General Fund. Up to \$8,500.00 in 14-15 and up to \$23,656.12 in 15-16
Amount not to exceed: \$32,156.12

14-15-117: Eric Hall, service – Facilities Master Plan, duration 06/01/15-UNDEFINED, amount \$62,500.00 to be funded 70% from developer fees and 30% from Prop 39.

15-16-008: WAPADH, service – Assessments, duration 08/12/15-06/01/16, amount not to exceed \$2,000.00

15-16-009: Greta Traugott Binkley, service – Technology Specialist, duration 05/27/15-06/30/16, not to exceed amount \$2,250.00

15-16-010: School Services of California, service – Develop Education Policy, duration 07/01/15-06/30/16, amount not to exceed \$2,760.00

Travel and Conference Report No. 18

Approved Travel and Conference Report No. 18

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Title I Program Effectiveness was the title of the presentation by Mrs. Martha Mestanza – Rojas, Associate Superintendent of Education Services, which provided everyone with an overview of the Title 1 Program and its effectiveness. The highlights were focused on the Purpose of the Funds; SWSD Budget; School budgets aligned to Single Plans for Student Achievement; and Effectiveness of the use of funds.

GENERAL

Proposed Board Policy 4363: Vacation Days/ Holiday, Senior Management Personnel –Second Reading

This is the second reading of the Proposed Board Policy 4363: Vacation Days/Holiday, Senior Management.

On the motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried the second reading of the Proposed Board Policy 4363: Vacation Days/Holiday, Senior Management was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
ON CLOSED SESSION
ITEMS

There were no public comments on closed session items.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees commenced closed session at 6:40 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees resumed open session at 7:15 p.m. Action was taken in closed session to remove the Principal appointment item from the agenda.

PERSONNEL

Classified Personnel Report No. 05-26-15-18

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Santana and unanimously carried – Classified Personnel Report No. 05-26-15-18 was approved.

Certificated Personnel Report No. 05-26-15-18

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried – Certificated Personnel Report No. 05-26-15-18 was approved.

Public Hearing: Subsequent Variable Term Waiver Request –
Speech, Language Pathologist Services Credential for Elise
Contreras

A public hearing on Subsequent Variable Term Waiver Request – Speech, Language Pathologist Service Credential for Elise Contreras was provided for opportunity for discussion. The hearing was open on a motion by Trustee Macias Seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried. There was no discussion on the matter. The hearing was closed on a motion by Trustee Macias and seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried.

Approval of Subsequent Variable Term Waiver Request – Speech,
Language Pathologist Services Credential for Elise Contreras

On a motion by Trustee Baird seconded by Trustee Santana and unanimously carried the Subsequent Variable Term Waiver Request – Speech, Language Pathologist Credential for Elise Contreras was approved.

JOB DESCRIPTION: TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT –
INSTRUCTIONAL TOSA COACH/INTERVENTIONIST

On a motion by Trustee Macias seconded by Trustee Baird and unanimously carried – Job Description: Teacher on Special Assignment – Instructional TOSA Coach/Interventionist was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.